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Submitted herewith are:

- (1) Amendment (8 pages including this Transmittal); and
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.